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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants have amended the specification to insert U.S. Patent Application Number 09/692,802, corresponding to the related application that has been incorporated by reference therein. No new matter has been added. The applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered prior to patent issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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devices, such as handheld computers, or communication devices, such as modems to be coupled to the control board.

5   In FIG. 3, another embodiment of the cash control system of the present invention is shown. In FIG. 3, devices and components corresponding to those already represented and described in FIG. 1 are indicated by the same reference numerals. The cash control system includes a host safe assembly 23. The

10   host safe assembly combines the functionality and devices and/or components of the central control unit 25 (FIG. 1) and the safe assembly 3a (FIG. 1). As such, the host safe assembly receives and stores cash to generate cash records. However, instead of transmitting cash records, the host safe assembly stores the cash

15   records in database 15. The host safe assembly also receives cash records from safe assemblies 3b-3n. The cash records are compiled as a deposit report and transmitted to the cash information server 31.

The safe assemblies of FIG. 3, are similar to the safe

20   assemblies described in FIG. 1. Some of the safe assemblies include memory that stores cash records and a processor that compiles the cash records to generate deposit reports. Each deposit report from each safe assembly is transmitted to the host safe assembly. The host safe assembly combines each deposit

25   report from each safe assembly with the cash records from the other safe assemblies to create a deposit report. An example of a new safe assembly is described in an application entitled "Loose Coin And Rolled Coin Dispenser", Docket No. A484:40688, filed October 20, 2000, incorporated herein by reference.

30   In FIG. 4, an exemplary operational graph is shown that includes time periods and indicators used in the tracking of cash collected and removed using the cash control system of the present invention. Along the y-axis of the diagram, actions, such as transmitting a report (e.g., a deposit report), are

35   illustrated. Along the x-axis of the diagram, events, such as

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